



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

November 16, 2010

Mr. Harold Dye
Administrator, Hazardous Waste Program, Suite 645
&
Mr. Thomas Walter
Acting Administrator
Oil Control Program, Suite 620

Maryland Department of the Environment
Montgomery Park Business Center
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230-1701

**RE: RCRA Notice of Violation
Ashland Incorporated Specialty Polymers & Adhesives (MDD003067832 & UST ID
2738)**

Dear Mr. Dye & Mr. Walter:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III is pursuing the issuance of a Notice of Violation to the Ashland Incorporated Specialty Polymers & Adhesives facility in Elkton, MD pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984.

A previous notification letter dated June 7, 2010 was issued to your attention indicating that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III would be pursuing the issuance of a Complaint regarding this matter. This Notice was to address violations of RCRA Subtitle C and RCRA Subtitle I observed during EPA's inspection on March 23, 2010. The RCRA Subtitle I issues appeared to be of particular significance and were the driving force behind the decision to pursue a Complaint in this matter. Since that time, additional information has come to light regarding these Subtitle I issues that precludes USEPA Region III from their further pursuit.

The violations that remain are of RCRA Subtitle C and are of such a nature that is more appropriately addressed through the issuance of a Notice of Violation.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to your continued efforts toward a successful enforcement program. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (215) 814-5430 or Mr. Jan Szaro at (215) 814-3421.

Sincerely,



Carol Amend, Associate Director
Land and Chemicals Division
Office of Land Enforcement

cc: J. Szaro (3LC70) ✓